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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

1-40 (Cancelled)

41. (Withdrawn) A method of performing surgery within a cavity of the human body by;
- a. obtaining an anchoring device for use in surgery within said cavity, said anchoring device comprising connected first and second attaching means, said first attaching means for attaching the device to an internal surface within a cavity of the human body and said second attaching means for attaching to surgical instruments or devices within said cavity;
 - b. introducing, into said cavity said anchoring device;
 - c. attaching said first attaching means to an internal surface within said cavity;
and
 - d. attaching surgical instruments to said second attaching means,
such that the surgical apparatus is contained within the cavity of the human body.
42. (Withdrawn) The method of performing surgery within a cavity of the human body, according to claim 38, comprising;
- a. providing at least one anchoring device comprising connected first and second attaching means;
 - b. providing at least one controlling means;
 - c. creating an access incision from the outside of the human body to provide access to an inaccessible cavity or using a natural opening to provide access to an accessible cavity;
 - d. using the controlling means to introduce at least one said anchoring device through the access opening into the cavity;

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- e. attaching said anchoring device to an internal wall of said cavity or to some other internal organ using its first attaching means;
 - f. using the controlling means to introduce at least one surgical instrument, for example a grasping instrument to be attached to an internal organ, through the access opening into the cavity;
 - g. attaching said surgical instrument to said anchoring device using its second attaching means; and
 - h. removing the controlling means from the cavity and leaving the access opening free for other use during the surgery;
 - i. controlling the surgical equipment installed within the cavity to perform the surgery; and
 - j. using a controlling means to remove said surgical instruments from the cavity; thereby installing surgical apparatus into and removing it from the cavity whilst leaving the access incision unimpeded during surgery.
43. (Withdrawn) The method of performing surgery within a cavity of the human body, according to claim 38, additionally comprising;
- a. attaching at least one forcing means to the abdominal wall by some attachment means such as vacuum cups, magnetic means, mechanical means, adhesive means, fixation wires or any combination thereof; and
 - b. forcing the abdominal wall upwards,
- thus constructing a contained frame within the cavity used for lifting the abdominal wall during surgery.
44. (Cancelled)
45. (Cancelled)
46. (Cancelled)

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47. (Currently Amended) A method for internally retracting an organ within THE abdominal cavity of the human body, during minimally invasive surgeries, said method comprising steps of:

- a. obtaining a surgery-assisting retraction device (SARD) useful in minimally invasive surgeries for retraction of an organ within said abdominal cavity, said SARD comprising (i) at least one first anchoring means adapted to be reversibly attached to an anchoring point, and, (ii) at least one second anchoring means being interconnected to said at least one first anchoring means via coupling means;
- b. inserting said SARD into said abdominal cavity through an incision by means of an introducer;
- c. reversibly attaching said at least one first anchoring means to said anchoring point;
- d. reversibly attaching said second anchoring means of said SARD to said organ within said abdominal cavity, thereby retracting said organ within said abdominal cavity;

~~wherein said step of reversibly attaching said at least one first anchoring means to said anchoring point is performed, such that said anchoring point is located at the internal abdominal wall [[:]] , such that creation of an opening at the location of said anchoring point for said retraction is prevented thereby preventing the creation of an opening in said body for the attachment of said at least one first anchoring means to said anchoring point.~~

48. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim [[45]] 47, additionally comprising step of selecting each of said first anchoring means and said second anchoring means from the group consisting of vacuum means, magnetic means

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situated on interior, surfaces of said cavity [[:]] , mechanical means, adhesive means or any combination thereof.

49. (Cancelled)
50. (New) The method according to claim 47, additionally comprising step of removing said introducer and leaving said incision free for other use during the surgery.
51. (New) The method according to claim 47, additionally comprising step of relocating said SARD in any predetermined direction from one anchoring point to another anchoring point on said abdominal wall without creating any openings in said location of said anchoring points.
52. (New) The method according to claim 47, additionally comprising step of introducing and extracting said SARD into and out of said abdominal cavity by an introducer.
53. (New) The method according to claim 47, additionally comprising step of manipulating and relocating said SARD within said abdominal cavity by an introducer.
54. (New) The method according to claim 47, additionally comprising step of selecting said coupling means from the group consisting of: a string, a tissue retractor means, a rod, or any combination thereof.
55. (New) The method according to claim 47, additionally comprising step of maintaining said incision unimpeded during surgery.